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News in brief

Police to receive new radios

The Romulus Police Department will be able to communicate better once 25 new police radios are procured.

City council members approved the purchase of the new Motorola radios at their regular meeting Monday night. The radios were purchased under the State of Michigan bid program, and will cost \$58,526.50.

Both the police and fire department communicate using the devices. The purchase will include the radios, the antennae kits, the ignition sensor cables and all fees associated with the removal of existing rods and installation of new ones, according to purchase documents.

The funds used to pay for the radios will come from the Public Safety Equipment Acquisition Account, which is part of the general fund.

The radios will be purchased from Hermiker Radio Service, which is the only authorized Motorola distributor in the area.

Council members voted unanimously to approve the bid.

Ice-melter will make walkways safer

As city officials hope for a winter that is less active than last year, the Romulus City Council voted to lock in a price of additional ice-melter to make sure sidewalks and other non-road areas are safe and passable for residents.

The city sought bids for the product, and received two responses. The city chose Livonia-based Clipper's Landscape as the sole supplier of the ice-melter.

Officials will pay \$281.75 per pallet for the ice-melter.

Funding will come from the Building and Grounds Fund, which part of the city general fund.

Clipper's was the lowest bidder. The other bidder was Lower Huron Supply Co.

League dues paid

Michigan Municipal League (MML) membership was assured Monday night after Romulus City Council members voted to pay the advocacy group \$7,220 for annual dues for 2009.

The MML is the largest state group working on behalf of issues that face community governments. As a member, the city will be able to select 19 officials to take part in League activities – each of whom will be able to have a voice in Lansing and Washington D.C.

Also, the city will be able to tap into the group legal defense fund, should it be needed.

Council members voted unanimously to approve the bid.

— News briefs are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

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Christmas countdown

Station stores hope

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

In more prosperous times, the opening of new gas station and mini-mart may not be as well-received as it was Monday night.

But city council members – working under the weight of difficult economic times as they try to improve the city tax-base – welcomed with open arms the request of a local developer to vary city zoning provisions to allow the station to open on a 1.96-acre parcel of land at Middlebelt Road near Hildebrand Street.

"That piece of land has been vacant for at least 20 years, so I think it's going to be a good thing," said Councilman William Wadsworth. "It used to be a track towing lot."

The service station will bring a handful of jobs, but will also bring retail activity to an area of the city that badly needs development, officials said.

The building will range from 2,500 to 3,500 square-feet, and will have four gas pumps and an

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this is a good idea.

William Crova
Councilman



Many residents are stepping up to help less fortunate people, including Julie Allison, who is shown here with Fox News Anchor and event speaker Lila Lazarus.

In tough times, giving thrives

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus non-profit groups are grateful that tough times seem to equal generosity among those still able to help others.

The financial climate has changed the charitable landscape and the number of needy people in the community has grown, said Fire Chief Dave Allison, the president of the Romulus Goodfellows "No Child Without a Christmas" organization.

"We lost Lear Seating this year, which greatly reduced the number of games and other items we are used to receiving," he said.

Other groups – including the Veterans of Foreign Wars – were able to come through in a big way for the community. Ron Allen of the VFW provided \$5,000 checks to both the fire department and the police department to help area families who find themselves in a crunch this year.

"When I told (the fire and police chiefs) the amount of the check, they just about fell over," said Allen, who along with other veterans received a standing ovation after the checks were presented at the Monday night city council meeting.

"It takes a special kind of person to be a veteran, and it also takes a special person to be a firefighter or police officer," Allen said.

Economy a factor

Typically, there are several people living in Romulus who have a tough time financially in

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Randolph Gear
Mayor Pro-Tem

and around the holidays.

But this year – with the length of what is now a nationwide recession – city officials are becoming increasingly concerned about the health and welfare of people pushed to the brink of disaster by job loss, fore-

closure, and other factors.

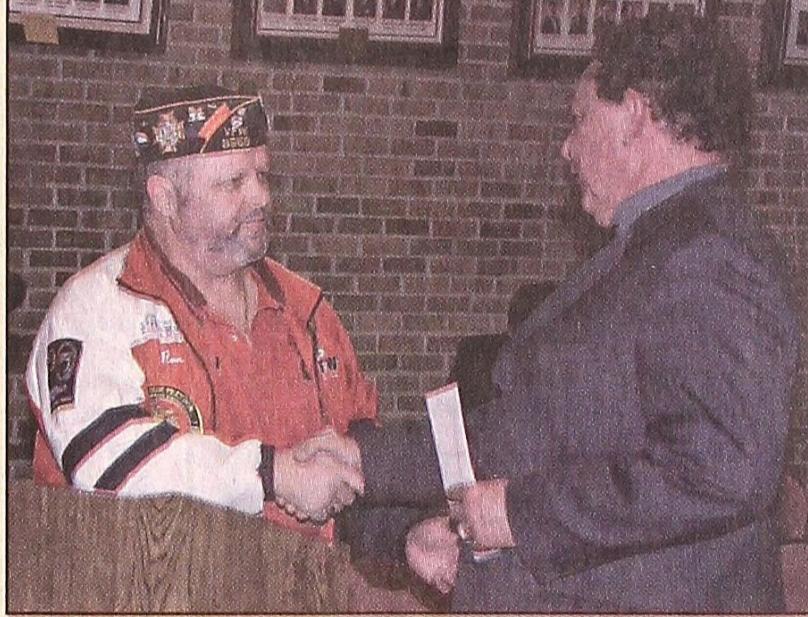
"We are seeing times now that we haven't seen since the Great Depression," said Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.

"We want to encourage people that are working and can give to do so, because when you give to someone else who needs help, it comes back to you two-fold," he added.

Officials are so concerned that they are personally increasing their donations: Mayor Alan Lambert purchased 10 turkeys for area families this Thanksgiving.

Recent indicators for the city show that the picture in the city may get worse before it gets better. According to numbers compiled by Realty Trac, a nationwide real estate clearing house, that tracks foreclosures for

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VFW member Ron Allen presented \$5,000 checks to Fire Chief David Allison and Police Chief Charles Kirby Monday night.

Recreation center sparks war of words

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A war of words broke out between the mayor and a councilman who may seek to unseat the top city official next November.

Mayor Alan Lambert and Councilman Harry Crout have had

an ongoing dispute about several issues – the latest of which is the viability of operating a new recreation center during tough fiscal times.

Lambert – a vocal opponent of having a dedicated recreation facility since the project started coming together – and Crout, who believes

too many tax dollars have gone to such an endeavor, clashed after a resident took the podium at the last city council meeting to take issue with a resident who complained about the facility at a prior public meeting.

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indoor shopping area that will carry food, beverages and all of the items traditionally found at party stores.

The hitch in the development was that service stations – which require a special set of provisions because gasoline would be stored at the site – require a zoning variance in that area of the city – which was not earmarked for industrial uses.

But having a new, potentially-thriving business in the city overrides concerns about having gas at the site as long as the design and layout of the building passes muster with the city planning commission, said Councilman William Crova.

"We have had some tough rules in place for gas stations, but I agree this is a good idea," he said.

New business has been a priority for the city for several years.

The zoning variance was granted to the developers of the station following a recommendation of the seven-member planning commission.

Before ground can be broken at the site, the plan for the building layout will need to be approved by the commission members. If the variance were not approved, the project could not go forward.

City council members, after a short debate, approved the variance request unanimously.



Art for the Spirit

The Oakwood Healthcare System recently hosted the Art for the Spirit reception to present the employee art exhibit awards. Geneva Larrair of Belleville won first place for her piece "Meadow Morn." The Oakwood exhibit is sponsored by the National Arts Program Foundation and features more than 150 pieces of artwork by employees, physicians, volunteers and family members. It is designed to give all artists at all levels an uninhibited opportunity to exhibit work in a professional manner. Categories included photography, painting, mixed media, drawing, graphic design, printmaking, fiber work, clay, beadwork, fused glass and porcelain. Larrair's artwork, along with others, will be on display throughout December at the hospital.

Block grant funding is allocated in city

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Changes to the planned use of 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were approved recently.

A public hearing took place for comments and suggestions and the 2007 funds were reprogrammed for new city improvements and the parks and recreation master plan.

Of the \$58,000 in CDBG funds received for 2007, about \$14,180 originally planned to be used for barrier free improvements will now go toward a carport type structure to house the senior/disabled transportation vehicles.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said funds are limited to certain projects that must benefit low to moderate-income level persons, households, seniors or disabled people. Federal guidelines also require that the funds must address slum or blight conditions and meet a particular urgent community development need, according to officials.

The other \$29,520 will go toward senior transportation, along with \$14,300 for planning and administration.

Belleville also expects to receive about \$57,000 in CDBG funds for

It's a way to check up on them, make sure they're healthy and getting their meals.

Dan Swallow

2009. The city will host a public hearing for input at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Van Buren Township officials also approved their 2009 CDBG allocation recently for a proposed \$133,000. About \$11,500 will go toward portion of the senior directors wages, \$10,900 for the general services of a transportation coordinator and \$9,100 for telephone reassurance staff persons in the senior services area.

According to Dan Swallow, deputy director of planning and economic development for the township, the telephone service will assist seniors who are homebound.

"It's a way to check up on them, make sure they're healthy and get-

ting their meals," he said.

About \$10,500 is also proposed toward office area additions in the bricks and mortar portion for senior services. In parks and recreations, \$14,000 will go to the 'Takin it to the Streets' program for public/youth services and \$6,000 for youth instruction and activities. Another \$5,000 will be for the physical fitness area for youth/closet rebuild as part of the parks and recreation bricks and mortar projects.

An Americans With Disabilities accessible drop box will be funded at township hall with \$10,000, \$42,500 will be used for demolition and \$13,500 for planning and administration.

Supervisor Paul White said the drop box will be a great benefit for seniors and residents, which will benefit them for 24-hours a day.

"I also want to point out the for the housing rehabilitation program, that will apply for things like furnaces and windows that people can't afford," said Swallow. "We can apply

Free swimming class offered to students

Edgemont Elementary School in Belleville will offer free swimming classes during the school year for students.

Belleville High School Lifesaving Club members will help kindergarten through fifth grade students with three lessons for each grade level during the school day. Transportation will also be provided.

Edgemont students will go to the high school by grade level and will be introduced to swimming lessons. Susan Duda-Osborn, instructor of the high school class, is thrilled to present this hands on opportunity to her students, she said.

"This is a win-win activity. My students get the necessary experience to work with children and Edgemont students get the opportunity to learn to swim," she said. "Swimming is skill all children should know."

The high school students are certified lifeguards and will be certified water safety instructors in January after they complete this internship. The students include: Travis Bowman, Lynsey Brown, Trevon Callahan, Dan Dakoske, Lindsay Downs, Brett Roethlisberger, Carter

Sherman, Nick Small and Mike Vendlands.

"This is awesome," said Edgemont Principal Karen Mida. "Living in a lake community, swimming is essential. It is a life skill. Having our Edgemont children introduced to this during the school day is a terrific gift and great collaboration between the high school and the elementary schools. We would like to thank Ms. Duda-Osborn for her hard work and this wonderful offer."

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PUBLIC NOTICE EQ RESOURCE RECOVERY, INC DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE MAJOR MODIFICATION

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) hereby gives notice of their intent to issue a state hazardous operating license major modification pursuant to Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451) to EQ Resource Recovery, Inc. (EQRR). In July 2006, EQRR submitted an application to MDEQ for an operating license major modification.

EQRR operates hazardous waste recycling, treatment and storage facility at their site located at 36345 Van Born Road in Romulus, Michigan (the facility). The hazardous waste operations were destroyed in a fire on August 9, 2005. The proposed major modification is to reconstruct the hazardous waste operations at the facility in accordance with design plans and specifications reviewed by MDEQ and to update the operating procedures to reflect the revised facility.

The MDEQ proposes to issue the operating license major modification. The MDEQ believes they have conducted a thorough review of the application, and request public comment on the draft operating license major modification. The public comment period on the draft documents will begin on December , 2008 and end on February , 2008. A public hearing is scheduled for January 13, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Romulus City Hall located at 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus, Michigan. Commenters at the public hearing should register by 7:30 p.m. and submit two written copies of their comments to the MDEQ at the hearing, if possible. The public hearing location is accessible to disabled persons. To request accommodations for the deaf or copies of information in Braille, please contact Ms. Linda Leiter at 517-373-9875, at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

The MDEQ will consider and respond to all significant public comments received during the public comment period, including any comments received during the public hearing. After a final decision is made on the draft operating license major modification, the MDEQ will issue a written responsiveness summary, which responds to significant comments made during the public comment period and public hearing, and summarizes the changes to the draft license major modification and the reason for each change.

The administrative record for the draft Part 111 operating license major modification is on file at the MDEQ Waste Management Division Office located on the Atrium Level of Constitution Hall in Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Peter Quackenbush at 517-373-7397). Copies of the draft Part 111 operating license major modification and fact sheet are also available for review at the MDEQ Southeast Michigan District Office, located at 27700 Donald Court in Warren, Michigan (contact Mr. James Day at 586-753-3835); and the Romulus Library, located at 11121 South Wayne Road in Romulus, Michigan (contact Ms. Diane Hazen at 734-942-7590).

Comments and requests regarding the draft Part 111 operating license major modification, requests to be placed on the facility mailing list, and requests for information, including request for copies of the major modification and fact sheet should be sent to Mr. Peter Quackenbush at the MDEQ's Lansing address given below. Written comments concerning the major modification should include the name and address of the writer, a concise statement of the basis for the comments, and the supporting facts upon which the comments are based.

Mr. Peter Quackenbush
Department of Environmental Quality
Waste Management Division
P.O. Box 30241
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741

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Museum offers calendars

The Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society is now selling 2009 calendars at the museum.

The calendar features historic pictures for each month of the year. Some photographs include: the Victorian house on North Liberty Street where Girlstown opened in 1958, an aerial view of the village of Denton and a circa 1930 aerial view of

French Landing.

Calendars are \$7 or \$6 for historical society members. They can be purchased at the museum, located at 405 Main St., from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. They are also available at several area businesses and can be purchased by mail. To purchase a calendar or for more information, contact the museum at (734) 697-1944.

Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., December 16, 2008
Board Room Van Buren Township Hall

Agenda: Discussion regarding:

2008 Amended General Fund Budget 2009 Proposed General Fund Budget

Special Revenue Funds:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
LDFA Fund
Capital Improvement Fund
Landfill Fund
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Bemis Road Project, Special Assessment District
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911 Service Fund
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Airport handler accepts plea in Inkster death

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

On the day he was supposed face trial for first-degree murder, a man accused of stabbing and beating an Inkster woman to death made a deal with prosecutors.

Joseph Perron, 34, admitted he fatally attacked Kesha Penny, 29, in October of 2007 at her home.

He admitted responsibility in the courtroom of Judge Diane Hathaway at the Wayne County Circuit Court Tuesday morning.

Charged with one count of first-degree murder and home invasion, Perron pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in front of a group of Penny's family and friends.

Under the terms of the agreement, Perron will spend a minimum of 36 years in prison, up to 54.

After he has served the minimum number of years, Perron will be eligible for parole.

Had Perron been convicted of the original charges, he would have spent the rest of his life behind bars without the possibility of parole.

As a provision of the agreement, Perron admitted in the courtroom that he had indeed attacked Penny, whose 18-month-old child was in the home at the time. Individuals closely associated with the case said Perron told the court he broken into the home after removing a wall-mounted air conditioner with the intent of stealing drugs he believed were in the house.

Perron also said he had picked up Penny's son in the house and told the child that "everything was going to be OK" after the attack on his mother.

The incident that led to Perron's conviction unfolded Oct. 22, 2007, when Inkster patrol officers were dispatched to Penny's home on the 3500 block of Harriet Street after Penny's boyfriend, who lived at the home, called police at about 4:30 p.m.

Inside, they found Penny severely beaten and stabbed, with blood in virtually every corner of the home.

Inkster homicide detectives were immediately called, along with crime scene investigators from the Michigan State Police.

Over the next 17 hours, the detectives

would interview neighbors and other witnesses, collect evidence, and re-create what they believe happened in the house.

Inside the home, an wall-mounted air conditioner was found on the floor, along with a claw hammer and a knife that apparently were used in the attack on Penny.

Also blood evidence was obtained from two vehicles parked at the home.

That blood evidence was matched to Perron, whom was a former co-worker of Penny's boyfriend, who had admitted during a court hearing he had previously sold drugs to Perron.

Perron later provided a DNA sample to investigators, and the sample was matched to several items found at the home. He was later arrested at a drug rehabilitation program in Muskegon. Investigators believe that Perron may have been at the home looking for drugs.

Penny, who grew up in Ypsilanti, is remembered by family and friends as a hard-working mother who was employed in the home health care field.

Her relatives said after Perron was initial-

ly charged that she was hoping to return to school. Penny and her boyfriend had not lived in Inkster for very long before she was killed.

Thomas White, Perron's attorney, said he could not comment on the case until Perron is formally sentenced.

Perron had no prior contacts with law enforcement prior to attacking Penny. Wayne County Prosecutor Lawrence Talon said that's not unusual.

"There have been cases when a defendant will have contact with the criminal justice system for the first time when they commit a heinous crime, and this one certainly was heinous," he said.

Talon also said he's glad the case will soon come to a conclusion.

"I hope the agreement is acceptable to the victim's family and that it brings a sense of justice," he said. "But I know it's not going to make anyone whole."

Perron will return to court Jan. 12 to for an allocution and formal sentencing. At that time, family members will be allowed to make victim impact statements.

Calendar of events

Candy Cane Dance

The Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation organization will host a Candy Cane Dance at the Romulus Senior Center.

The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Designed for children ages 3 to 12, attendees will be able to enjoy face painting, dancing, snacks, and a chance to spend time with a special, surprise visitor.

The cost of the event is \$6 per child. Adults are free.

Pre-registration by Dec. 15 is required.

The Romulus Senior Center is located at 36525 Bibbins Road.

For more information, or to register, call the senior center at (734) 955-4120.

Christmas Bowling on a roll

Bowlers who want to spend the Christmas season striking out will be able do so Dec. 29, when Michael B's Bowling Alley begins Christmas Bowling.

The event is co-sponsored by Romulus Parks and Recreation.

The event will include two games, shoe rental, dinner and monetary prizes for the cost of \$20 per ticket.

The \$20 fee is for a one adult, one child couple.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information, or to register, call the senior center at (734) 955-4120.

Youth basketball teams forming

The Romulus Recreation Department is accepting applications for the youth basketball program, which will take place from Jan. 12 to April 24.

Practices are from 5:50-6 p.m. varying days of the week, Monday through Fridays, depending on team assignments. All games are on Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Teams will be broken down by grades, specifically third-fifth grade girls, sixth-eighth grade girls, ninth-12th grade girls, third-fourth grade boys, fifth-sixth grade boys, seventh-eighth grade boys, and ninth-12th grade boys.

The games will take place at Romulus High School, Romulus Middle School and selected Romulus elementary schools.

The cost for the program is \$70 for one child, \$130 for two immediate family members, \$180 for three immediate family members and \$220 for four immediate family members. All prices include a team jersey.

For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

—Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

Center

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"I know people have their opinions, but my blood pressure has gone down because I've been going there," said the resident.

Lambert, speaking about a resident who criticized the expense of the Northline Road facility, said the debate about the building is "political."

"There are six of seven people up here that support the facility, and one (Crout) does not . . . I said we would not raise taxes on residents to pay for the facility, and I've kept my word," he said.

Crout said he felt that statement was a mischaracterization.

"I never said that I'm against that center," he said.

The dispute about the recreation facility began last year when the city Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) provided about \$500,000 as seed money to jump-start operations at the center. The money was used to hire a firm to run the center, and take care of other expenditures.

The entire facility was financed by the TIFA with the goal of it being self-supporting through memberships.

That goal has not yet been met, and it's unclear if more general funds will be needed to operate the center.

Lambert said he doesn't think extra money will be needed.

"We're getting more memberships every day," he said. "We just

I said we would not raise taxes on residents to pay for the facility, and I've kept my word.

Mayor Alan Lambert

signed up 140 Northwest workers, so we're getting more (dollars.)

During the exchange of words, Lambert said he never stated that tax dollars would not be used to run the center; only that taxes would not be raised.

To that, Crout said, "I hope you keep your word."

The athletic center opened in April with much fanfare after about three years of work renovating the former Overhead Crane warehouse.

The facility – one of the biggest municipal athletic centers in Wayne County – boasts several individual gyms, exercise room, basketball courts, swimming pools, an indoor track, and a rock climbing wall, nautilus equipment and a cafe.

Crout confirmed last week that he may seek the office Lambert now occupies, and said he would likely make a decision regarding his candidacy sometime during the next few months. Lambert announced last October that he would seek a third term as mayor.

Some local bank employees and customers experienced several moments of fear when an Inkster man robbed the facility of an undisclosed amount of money Dec. 4.

Inkster police officers responded to a call from an independent alarm company that reported a robbery was taking place at Chase Bank on Michigan Avenue at 4:37 p.m. The man – later learned to be Aaron Self, 21 – passed a note through the window demanding money, and claiming that if he did not receive the cash, a bomb would go off, said Det. Robert Karls.

"(Self) then informed the teller that he would shoot the patron in front of him with a gun when he didn't get anywhere with the note," Karls said.

The teller gave Self the money he requested and then fled on foot, police said.

Bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in by police, but never found any explosive devices.

The bank was shut down, and

municipalities, about 670 homes are in foreclosure or are in danger of going into arrears. Of those homes, 551 are bank owned; another 119 are in some stage of pre-foreclosure.

Ideas and generosity

Some residents have found ways to counteract the loss of business like Lear, and donors who used to support causes.

Julie Allison, the wife of David Allison, hosted "Julie's Tea," a party that hosted prominent area women to collect toys, games and money for the Goodfellows.

Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg said more events like the tea party are needed.

"We had all of the ladies of Romulus there, and we all had hats on," she said. "It's going to become an annual event, and it will help many people."

This year, the Goodfellows earned about \$24,000, all of which will be used to help area families.

But the extreme situation fami-

lies are finding themselves means more is needed.

For that reason, the Goodfellows have extended the food drive until 5 p.m. Sunday.

Allison said the canned goods will be accepted at the fire stations at 37230 Northline Road and 7221 Middlebelt Road all day and night.

Gear said the efforts of the VFW members and the Goodfellows are to be applauded, but urged private citizens who have the ability to help less fortunate residents regain their footing.

"We're going to have to dig deep to get through this crisis," he said.

Dogs, cats grounded for events

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Fido and Fluffy may be under house arrest this coming festival and event season.

That's because city council members supported a second reading of an animal ordinance that would require attendees of public festivals and events to leave their furry friends at home, unless they are an officially licensed to serve at the event or otherwise approved by the city council.

Dogs – leashed or not – cannot attend events.

Residents will also be prohibited from taking a cat to the park, and dogs will have to be retained by a leash not more than 6 feet in length.

The move – which was unanimously supported Monday night – amends the Romulus code of ordinances to prohibit the animals from participating in the activities.

The ordinance makes an exception in the case of service animal accompanying disabled persons.

The rule also prohibits horses unless bridle paths are available, or they are being ridden by mounted police officers.

The new provisions were discussed by city council members

prior to the Dec. 8 meeting, but the final reading of the new ordinance was put into place and is now law. The ordinance replaces a law that required pets to be restrained in public, but makes no mention of the repercussions if the new rule is not followed.

The ordinance, according to city documentation, was put into place after the city received complaints and concerns from residents about safety. Residents especially were concerned about potential dangers of exciting, disturbing or provoking an animal when there are large crowds of people present.

The concerns apparently went unabated even with the restraint provision in effect.

City officials said they were also concerned about sanitary conditions at public fairs and festivals.

Two other ordinance changes were finalized Monday night, including a provision on water usage and modifications to the city youth curfew.

Those 11 years old and younger will not be allowed to be in public places unaccompanied by a responsible adult from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Teens between the ages of 12 and 15 years old will not be allowed in public without an adult between

the times of 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Minors aged 16 and 17 will need to be accompanied by an adult from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The changes were put into place because the Romulus Police Department encountered numerous cases in which minors have been found to be present in automobiles, establishments and on the streets unaccompanied by the parents during the evening.

Residents and parents have also commented that the former provisions, which allowed 10-year-old to be out alone until 10 p.m. – was overly permissive.

The changes to the city water ordinance affect both residents and commercial businesses and aims to conserve water.

The new requirements finalized Monday prohibits the use of sprinkler systems anytime other than from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Anyone found to be in violation of the water provision would receive a written notice for the first incident. The second instance is punishable by a civil infraction and a \$50 fine, which doubles on a third incident.

The water department will also embark on a public education campaign to inform residents about water conservation.

Man held in bank, store robbery

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

He apparently walked into the store and demanded the woman behind the counter give him money, and he said he had gun.

Det. Robert Karls

Investigators were able to obtain a fingerprint. That print was later run through the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) and was matched to Self, who was in the system for a larceny in Monroe, and was technically on parole, said Karls.

A day after the bank robbery, Self allegedly robbed the Quality Furniture location on Southern Street at about 3 p.m., said Karls.

"He apparently walked into the store and demanded the woman behind the counter give him money, and he said he had gun," said Karls. "She said she didn't have any; so he did the

same thing to a man who came into the store to buy furniture. (The patron) gave him money and ran."

The robber then fled on foot, and was observed going inside a home on nearby Trowbridge Street, which is nearby the store. Police were called, and located Self inside the home.

Self initially resisted, and had to be tasered to be taken into custody, Karls said.

The money taken from the man at the furniture store was located at the house, Karls said, but Self did not actually have a gun.

In both robberies, no one was hurt.

Self was charged with three counts of robbery Monday at the 22nd District Court in Inkster. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

OPINION

Is this the real spirit of sportsmanship?

Are the Inkster Vikings too competitive for their own good?

That's the question we are forced to ask now that the high school finds itself still without a conference in which its varsity sports teams can compete.

The Mega Conference has disbanded, leaving many schools searching for a new home. Inkster, along with Romulus, Belleville and Dearborn Heights Robichaud applied for the new Western Wayne Athletic Conference. Only Inkster was turned down.

Speculation was that it's a 'football thing.' The Inkster Vikings, relatively regular visitors to Ford Field for state championship games, may run roughshod over the competi-

tion and continually be the 'team to beat.' So, rather than have a regular 12 teams in the conference, there are only 11.

What this means to Inkster—unless they can join the other Mega spinoff, tentatively called The Downriver League—is that their varsity teams will have a tough time filling out a regular schedule.

This is a lesson in bad sportsmanship, all around.

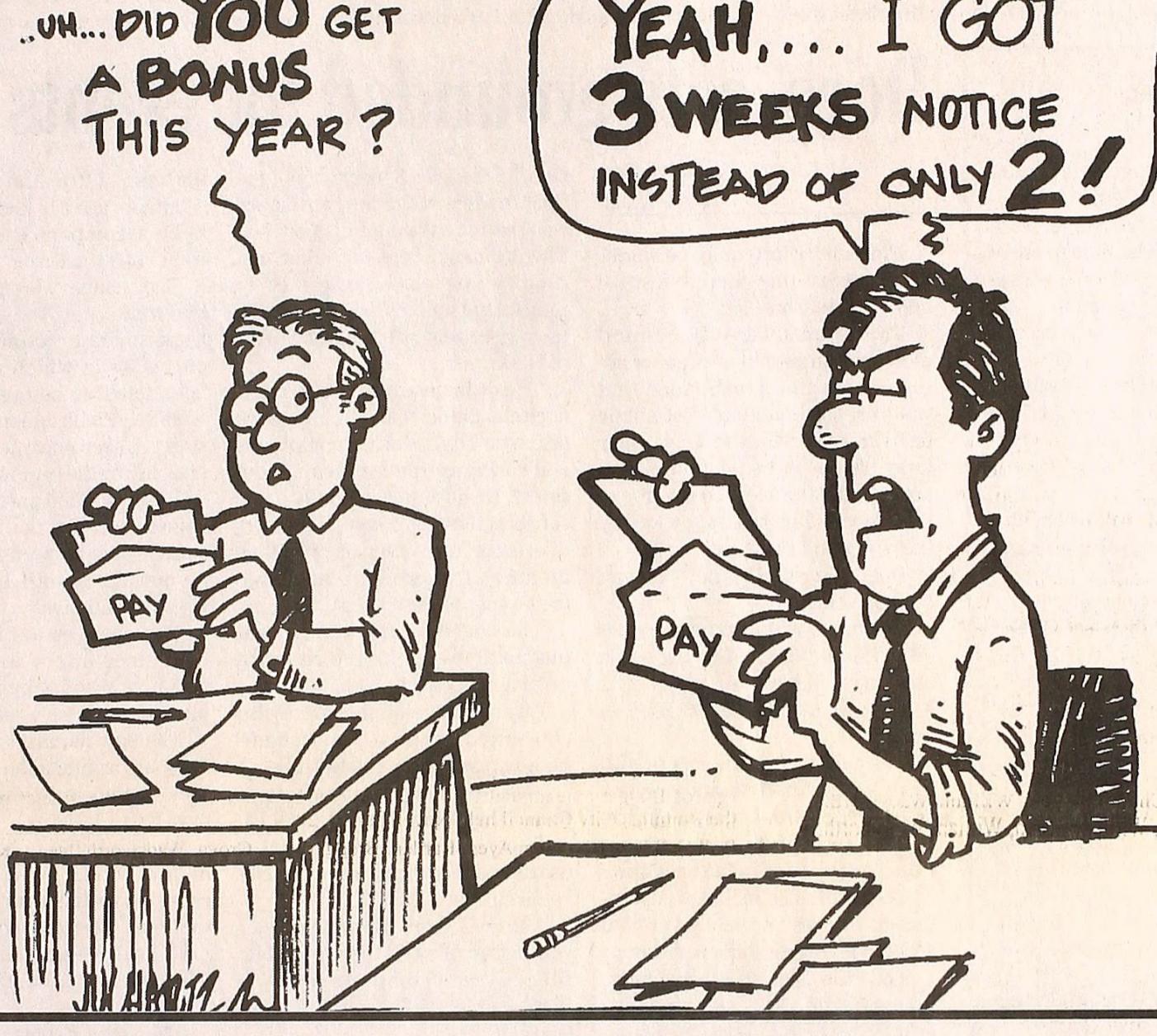
First of all, we understand that the underlying goal of sports is winning—no matter what anyone says otherwise. Isn't it also about being fair? Isn't it also about wanting to take on and beat the best? Isn't it about fostering that competitive fire that will help our youngsters succeed in life, no matter what they try to accomplish?

We thought it was.

The truth is that students in the Inkster district deserve just as much to play in an organized league—and not go the way of an independent school—as anyone else in a public school district. Students there need the chance to shine in order to earn scholarships and take the next step in their educational careers. That kind of exposure can only happen if they can attract continual attention, the kind an organized inter-school league can provide.

If students can't find it there, they may be tempted to transfer out of the district, and that will hurt the bottom line, too.

This is a sad situation. Inkster students—and the community as a whole—deserves better than this.



Never let the facts get in the way

Sometimes I sit back in a meeting and wonder if I have entered the Twilight Zone.

These are the kinds of meetings where I'm sure everyone in the audience is in the same room, listening to the same things and yet the interaction completely baffles me.

Take last Thursday, when the Northville Township Board of Trustees met in a study session about Thayer's Corner Park. For some reason, this rustic piece of almost wilderness on the western edge of the township stirs up more controversy in the township than anything that doesn't have 28 abandoned buildings on it.

People who have supported the park—along with a new cast of characters who have never been involved in the discussions about it during the previous two years—showed up to yell at the trustees for not listening to residents and to voice concerns about a gate that showed the park was closed for the winter. They also took time to chastise the board for not better utilizing the talents of long-time member Marv Gans.

This was a discussion filled from start to fin-

ish with irony.

The gate was put up after 80 yards of dirt was deposited on the property, unbeknownst to the township administration. The park is closed during the winter because of the suggestion of the committee that developed the concept plan for it, which, in turn, was based on the suggestion of residents.

The trustees were accused of fighting amongst themselves over the park, when no one disagreed on the goals for the park for 2009, some of them just had the absurd idea that they should find out what it costs, first.

The most ironic part about the meeting, though, is that the one man who has bent the most on the issues surrounding Thayer's Corner—Supervisor Mark Abbo—received the most criticism for being inflexible.

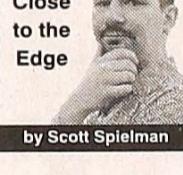
Abbo has been the voice of fiscal conservatism throughout this whole process. He didn't want the park open to the public. He always pointed out that any changes there altered the liability to the township and added expenses to

the parks and recreation operating budget (paid in part, lest we forget, by the City of Northville). Even so, he has gone along with the changes that were made, because residents and his fellow board members advocated them.

Now, some new people come along and say the board isn't listening.

Maybe the answer here is to go back and reenact those old meetings so these newcomers can see that the board has, in fact, been responsive. Maybe, instead of a gate to protect the property—and in keeping with the overall rustic theme of the park—the township should take a different approach to security. Why not move in a crazed hermit with a raccoon-skin hat, give him or her a sharpened stick, and have them ward off those who would dump dirt, clear cut trees or what have you.

As odd and offbeat as that sounds, it still makes more sense than what went on last Thursday.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Candidate thanks community

To the editor:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the residents of Canton, Van Buren and Belleville who chose me to be our community's voice in the Michigan House of Representatives. Throughout my campaign, I spoke to everyone I met about the need for changes. I want you to know that those are not empty words.

I believe we need a state government that is in tune with what our residents need. As your state representative, I will fight to create more good-paying jobs for our workers and get our economy back on track.

I will work to expand health care so that all residents can live full and healthy lives, and I will work to lower the cost of health care for everyone. I will work to strengthen our schools so that every child has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. By

focusing on education, we can ensure that Michigan will have the highly skilled workforce needed to be a leader in the 21st century global economy.

I also believe we need serious reform to ensure that our government is working for our residents' best interests and not the special interests. I will work to crack down on lobbyists' influence in Lansing, starting with prohibiting lawmakers from becoming lobbyists for two years after leaving office. I also will fight to cut state spending to ensure that we are living within our means—just like every family must do.

There is a lot of work ahead to get Michigan back on track, and I am up to the task. I am truly honored and humbled that our residents have chosen me to work on their behalf, and work I will. I will be an independent voice for our community—and I will make sure that our community always comes

first. I was chosen by YOU to speak for YOU, and that will guide every decision I make in the Michigan House.

Again, I would like to thank our community for your support—I couldn't have done it without you.

Dian Slavens
State Representative-elect for
District 21

Candidate thanks supporters

To the editor:

I want to let the voters of Van Buren Township know how grateful I am to you. While the outcome of this election may not have been what I and my colleagues had hoped for, in the end the campaign process presented an opportunity for me to meet and talk to so many wonderful people. My passion to serve Van Buren residents, business owners, and citizens is greater

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Early start

College event helps promote student reading

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Children reeled in the joys of reading recently at the first—but soon to be annual—Kid's READ workshop.

The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus, along with the college continuing education division, hosted the event. More than 26 children had the opportunity to bring in books to trade in for a new one through the book exchange program, according to college officials.

"It was a great turnout, everyone enjoyed themselves and the children received free books, too," said Raquel Garcia Andersen, vice president of the campus.

After games, arts and crafts and snacks, children enjoyed guest readers sharing their stories, as well.

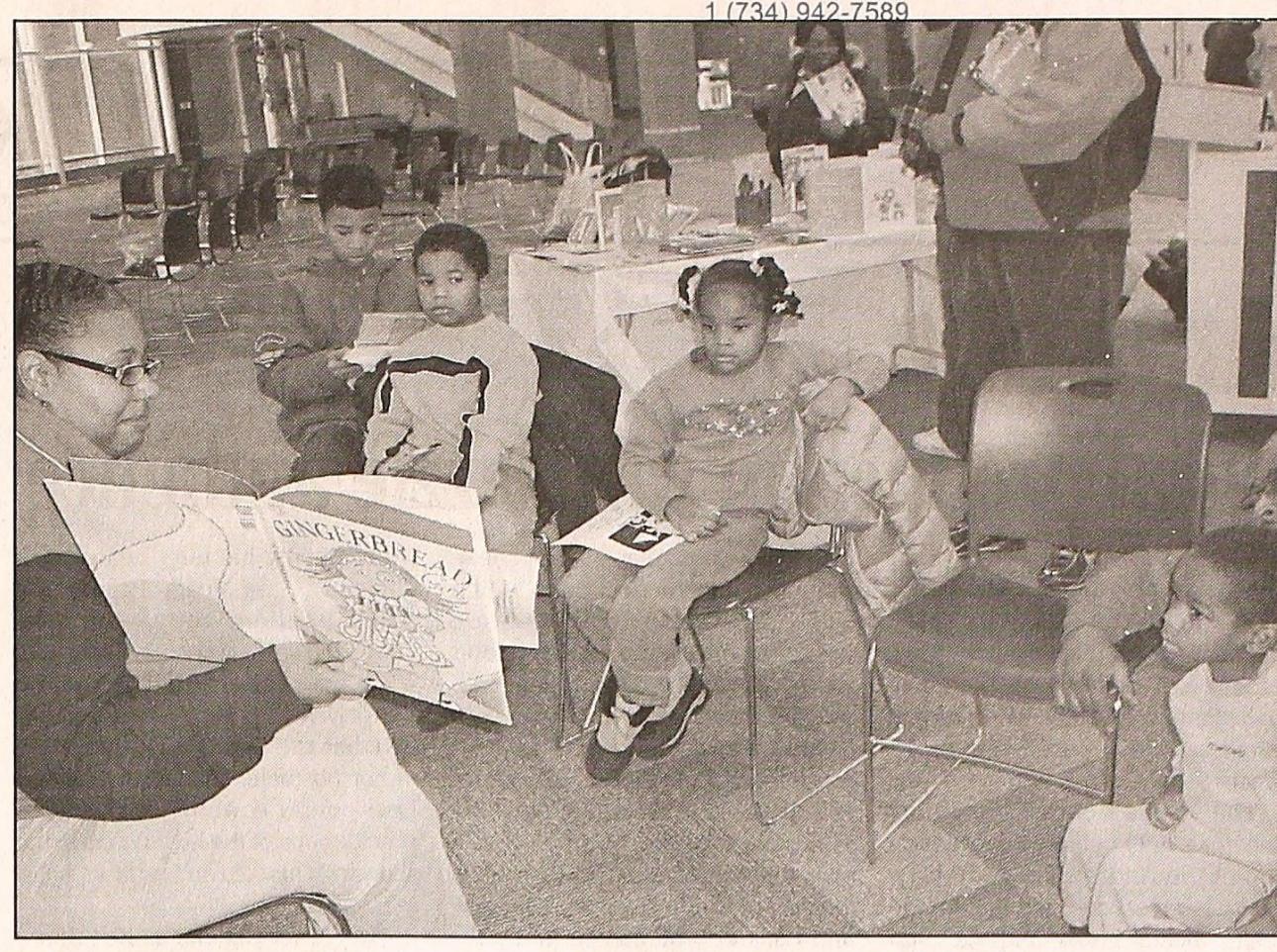
If that weren't enough, children also had the option to read a story with Spencer, a certified Reading

Educational Assistance Dog (READ), who listened as each child read him a short story, officials said.

Parents also had the chance to gain creative ideas to help maximize the benefits of reading to and with their children.

Author Steven Climer, a member of the Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrators, an educator and inventor of the educational card game PlayIt4Word, was on hand at the event. Climer has sold the motion picture rights of his novel "Demonesque" and is the recipient of several honors including, the Darrell Award, the Eppie for best horror novel of 2002 and was a finalist from the International Horror Guild in 1997 for the best first novel. He spoke about how to become an author and read one of his famous books "Once Upon A Halloween Night" to the teens.

The afternoon ended with a workshop for parents on what they can do to create lifelong readers



The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus hosted their first-ever Kid's READ workshop for children and parents to learn the joys of reading.

with guest speakers Robin Morris and Christina Swasey of the Josie Odum Morris Literacy Project, Inc.

"Christiana (Swasey) showed kids how to take the plot from a book and make it into a song that they could sing," said Garcia Andersen. "The ideas for parents

stressed doing as you would like your children to do, like read a lot, talk about books, talk about reading and the importance of it, watch movies that came from books, create games out of books and, make reading fun."

Many parents expressed the

want for follow-up workshops and, interest in programming centered around reading for children during the winter months, officials said.

For more information about special events at the college district, visit www.wcccd.edu or call (313) 496-2704.

Letters

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than ever before. This experience reinforces my desire to be a voice and an asset for the citizens, residents and business owners of Van Buren Township, my home town. My township must reflect the vision of

the people of our community.

To the employees of Van Buren Township: you are a credit to yourself and your community. Your level of professionalism is a tribute to our community and is recognized as such. As a resident, a very interested resident, I am very proud of you. I now know more about what you do each and every day. Thank you, all

of you. You have my deepest respect and sincerest gratitude.

I have a great deal of admiration for those of you, all of you, who worked so hard and so tirelessly on behalf of Larry Fix, Judy Johnson, Sylvia Shippy and me. I feel truly blessed to have worked with you and for this experience. I honestly believe that things happen for rea-

sons, as hard as they may be. I truly appreciate all your support and sincere efforts.

I started this journey to teach my children to take an active role in their community. For me and my husband, Scott, there is no greater job than setting the right example for our children and our youth. As parents we have many opportunities to

inspire our two sons and two daughters; public interest and community activism are worthwhile acts.

I don't want this to end here; I hope to continue to hear from each one of you.

*Felicia Paris-Brooks,
Van Buren Township
fparisbrooks@yahoo.com*

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair-Pro Tem William Wadsworth. Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth. Excused: Leroy Burcuff, Randolph Gear.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Pamela Morrison Kersey, Treasurer, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-361

2. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 10, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth: Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3A. None

08-362

4A1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of DDA Director Maria Lambert, and approve the request to designate the DDA Downtown District as a "Redevelopment Project Area".

Roll Call Vote Showing: Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden, to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-363

5A1. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and appoint Bryon Butler to fill the remainder of Mr. Reginald Nelson's Planning Commission term which expires on January 31, 2009.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

08-364

5A2. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and approve the appointments of Mike Glotfelter, Diane Banks and Byron Butler to the Planning Commission with terms to expire on January 31, 2012.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-365

5B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Derrick Schueler, Assistant DPW Director and legal counsel to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Romulus to enforce Wayne County's Stormwater Ordinance, where it applies, along Wahrman Road between Pennsylvania and Eureka Roads and requiring each development along this stretch of Wahrman, if applicable, to obtain a permit from the Wayne County Department of Public Services for concurrence with the Wayne County Storm Water Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-366

5C 1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Thomas Wilson, DPW Director to authorize the repair of the DPW Dump Truck #103 from the only authorized vendor in the State of Michigan, Cannon Equipment, cost not to exceed \$3,000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-367

5C2. Motion by Crout, supported by Bragg to adopt a resolution to be sent to Wayne County Road Commission and Commissioner Boike, regarding winter maintenance on County Roads within the City of Romulus for the safety and welfare of our citizens.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-368

6A1A. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation from the

Construction Board of Appeals to approve demolition of the below listed structures and to let bids for demolition contractor on demolition list 08-01:

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-369

6A1B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget amendment 08/09-06- General Fund, introduced at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 10, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-370

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to grant a request from Metal and Welding Industries, Inc. d/b/a W Industries, 14011 and 14211 Harrison Roads, Romulus, Michigan, to schedule a public hearing for an Industrial Development District on December 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-371

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to grant a request from Timothy Keyes, Director of Economic Development to schedule a public hearing to consider the approval of Amendments to the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-372

6A4. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to schedule a public hearing on Monday, December 22, 2008 to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2009/2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-373

6A5. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to schedule a study session for Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of discussing proposed Ordinance Amendments.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-374

6A6. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to request Wayne County Department of Public Services grant permission to close north and south bound Wayne Road from Smith to Michelle for the Annual Martin Luther King Day Walk, to be held on Monday, January 19, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending approximately at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-375

11. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds listed in Warrant 08-22 in the total amount of Eight Hundred, Six Three Thousand, Five Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$863,543.50).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Abstain - Crova.

Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva W. Webb, Deputy City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 24, 2008

Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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THE SCENE

Amazing Local production will dazzle audience

Scott Spielman
Editor

For those looking for an uplifting holiday experience, I suggest a trip to the State Wayne Theater to take in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*.

The Wayne Actors Community Theater (ACT) opened their rendition of the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic last weekend, and it is sure to delight theater lovers of all ages and tastes.

The ACT is a constant source of amazement. Continually budget challenged, they somehow manage to push the envelope with each of their productions and *Dream Coat* is no exception. With minimalist sets that still conjure up the atmosphere

of ancient Egypt, they take on one of the most well-known stories in the Bible. The costumes themselves are worth the price of admission, and the actors live up to the strong reputation the production has.

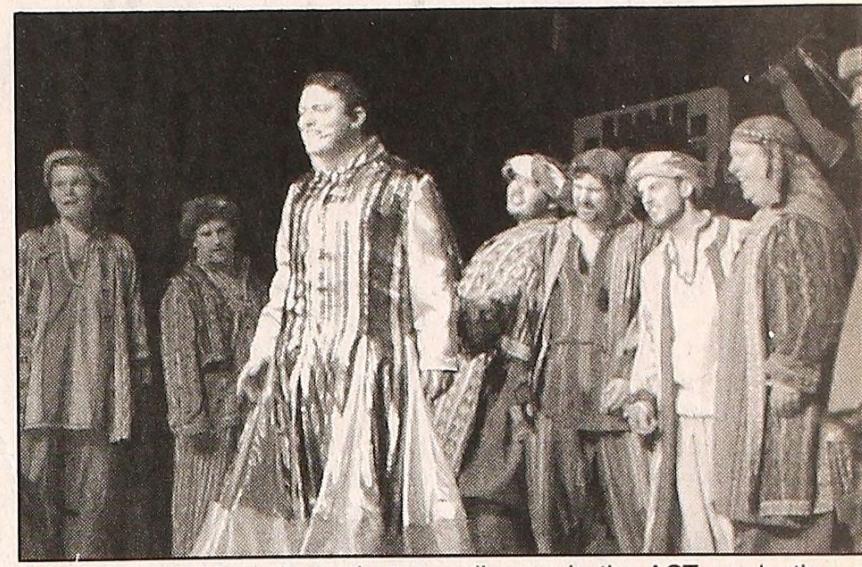
Most are familiar with the story of Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob (or Israel) who earns the enmity of his 11 brothers when he is gifted with a splendid Coat of Many Colors. He is tricked by them, sold into slavery and rises to prominence in a position second only to Pharaoh himself.

Colleen Meyer, arts and entertainment supervisor for the City of Wayne, and director Kristin Curries have put together an impressive cast here. David Ross is Joseph, and his smooth voice captivates as soon as he, quite literally, steps out of the

Bible to sing his tale. Leah Paige Cooley, Colleen Meade Ripper and Mia Topalian keep everyone entranced as the three narrators.

Some of the nuances in Tim Rice's lyrics are lost in the sound system, but the talent overcomes that minor obstacle. Dale Zanardelli as Levi—dusty cowboy hat and all—provides one of the high points in the show with his solo on *One More Angel in Heaven*.

Scott Joel Gizecki, as Zebulon—along with the rest of the brothers—had the audience in stitches during *Those Canaan Days*. Indeed the choreography (courtesy of Molly Zaleski) during that scene was spot on perfect. The natural way in which all the actors took to their inebriated state left me wondering if they had had a



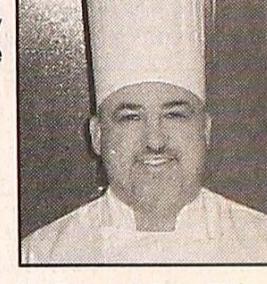
David Ross as Joseph captivates audiences in the ACT production of *David and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

little...extra practice.

The show runs for another weekend at the State Wayne on Michigan Avenue. Show times are at 8 p.m. on Dec. 12 and Dec. 13, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 14. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for children 10 and younger. The Wayne ACT contin-

ues to push its boundaries and their latest production, and the skill with which it is put together, makes it more than worth the trip. Consider me as an example. If I drew any strange looks walking into town for the show on a snowy, freezing night, I probably drew more on the way home, singing along the way.

Chef Anthony Paquette



boil, add cornstarch mixture and stir to thicken. Cool. Spread date filling over the oatmeal mixture and top with remaining oatmeal dough and bake for 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Cut into bars to serve.

Local chef offers special holiday treat

This week, Chef Anthony Paquette of the William D. Ford Career and Technical Center of the Wayne Westland School District has agreed to share one of his favorite holiday cookie recipes.

Paquette is well-known throughout the area as he and his crew of culinary students cater a great many holiday parties this time of year, and other events during the school year.

While the measurements for

these cookies are not the usual cups, tablespoons and teaspoons, the chef guarantees that they are well worth the effort.

Enjoy.

Date Bar Squares

Oatmeal Crumb Topping:
14 ounces brown sugar
8 ounces margarine
6 ounces shortening

1/4 ounce salt

1/2 ounce vanilla

With electric mixer, cream all ingredients well. Then add by hand and mix well until fully incorporated

1 1/2 pounds oatmeal

12 ounces bread flour

Divide mixture in half. Use about 3 pounds, 12 ounces and cover a sheet pan. Reserve other half for topping.

Date Filling:

1 pound ground dates

6 ounces brown sugar

*1 pint water

1 ounce cornstarch

*Can use part orange juice

Boil ground dates, sugar and most of the water, reserving a small amount to mix with the cornstarch. When date mixture comes to full

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the proposed activities for Community Development Block Grant funding for the fiscal year 2009 – 2010 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Partridge seconded to adopt the 2009 Work Study Session and Regular Meeting Calendar. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adopt the 2009 Holiday Calendar. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-46 naming Director Knepper as 2006 SRF Sanitary Sewer Equalization Project authorized representative. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Supervisor's recommendations for commission/committee appointments and appointments to other organizations. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2008-47 and to authorize the Supervisor to sign Wayne County Annual Permit Number A-09045. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-48 the Annual Block Party Road Closure and Banner Permit and to authorize the Supervisor to sign Wayne County Annual Permit Number A-09086. Carried.

Budd moved, Ostrowski seconded to appoint Clerk Wright as the Township's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Coordinator. Carried.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the application for Farmland Development Rights Agreement incorporating Deputy Director Swallow's Memorandum dated December 2, 2008. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the re-alignment of the Water and Sewer Commission members term limits to coincide with the By-laws [Robert Cook and Walter Rochowiak with terms to expire June 1, 2010 and Gerald Graf and Carl Pederson with terms to expire June 1, 2009]. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the December 2, 2008 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White ordered the October 2008 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Budd stated winter tax bills have been mailed and the tax deadline has been extended until February 28, 2009 and further noting there is a drop box in the lobby of the Public Safety Department for the purpose of paying tax bills.

Director Ross announced the annual 'Holiday Arts and Craft Show' will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall. Also, a Brunch with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall Dining Room. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

On Saturday, December 13th the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade will take place beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Belleville Area Museum is currently hosting the 'Festival of Trees'.

On Sunday, December 6th a Children's Ornament Workshop will be held at the Museum and Santa Claus will be at the Museum on December 6th and December 20th.

Trustee Hart commended the Public Safety Department both Fire and Police Departments on the handling of the fire and apprehending a suspect in the heinous crime which lead to the death of Frances Cothorn. Director Champagne stated both Sumpter Township Police and Fire Departments and the City of Belleville's Fire Department responded to the scene.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident welcomed and congratulated the Board of Trustees and wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright

Township Clerk

Paul D. White

Township Supervisor

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2008

Supervisor Paul White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Paul White, Clerk Leon Wright, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Phillip Hart, Trustee Jeffrey Jahr, Trustee Albert Ostrowski and Trustee Denise Partridge. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Public Safety Director Gerald Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Ross, Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Daniel Swallow, DPW Director Todd Knepper, Executive Assistant Susan Ireland, Secretary Kathleen Cline and an audience of fifteen (15).

Supervisor White requested a moment of silence for Frances Cothorn a township resident who volunteered at Van Buren Township September Days Senior Center and as an election worker who recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Add New Business Item #10 "Consider the re-alignment of the Water and Sewer Commission members term limits to coincide with the By-laws." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to open discuss possible projects for the fiscal year 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Carried.

Supervisor White opened the public hearing and went to Deputy Director Swallow for an explanation. Deputy Director Swallow stated this is the second of two public hearings regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Township is seeking comments from the public for potential projects that would meet the CDBG funding guidelines. This is some of the last federal monies that come back to the local communities to fund specific eligible projects. The three national objectives for projects are: to benefit low/moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slum and/or blight and to meet urgent community needs. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) objectives of the CDBG program are for the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities. Deputy Director Swallow stated the proposed categories of allocations are as follows: 1) Senior Services – Public Services for a portion of the Senior Director's wages, senior transportation and telephone reassurance programs. Bricks and mortar project for office area additions. 2) Parks and Recreation – Public Services for youth services "Takin' It To The Streets" and youth instruction and activities. Bricks and mortar projects for physical fitness area for youth and closet rebuild. 3) Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessible drop box for disabled residents to drop off items such as ballots, tax payments and water bills. 4) Demolition – for houses that are in blight condition and need to be demolished. (In this program there are liens placed on the houses being rehabilitated and are paid back when the house is either sold or refinanced) 5) Planning and administration to offset Township cost for administering the CDBG program. The estimated funding level for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year is \$133,000. Deputy Director Swallow stated another category that is funded directly from Wayne County is the Housing Rehabilitation program available to eligible low/moderate income residents who need help with such things as replacing a furnace or new windows for their home. The applications for the Housing Rehabilitation program are available at the Township in the Development Department. The next step is for the Township to submit the CDBG application to Wayne County with the final project list by January 9, 2009.

Trustee Hart requested a description of the telephone reassurance program. Deputy Director Swallow stated the Senior Department has a staff person to call homebound seniors to check up on them daily to make sure they are alright. Supervisor White stated the ADA accessible drop box will be beneficial for residents to drop off such things as tax payments and water payments without getting out of their vehicles. Deputy Director Swallow stated there currently also is a drop box inside the Public Safety Department.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Partridge moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of November 17, 2008 as presented. Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2008 as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the Budget Preparation Meeting Minutes November 24, 2008 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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Lady Mustangs top Northern, 34-27

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Lady 'Stangs started the season on the right foot and beat host Walled Lake Northern, 34-27, in their opener on Friday.

Northville's man-to-man defense and quick transition play caught Northern off guard in the first quarter. The Knights scored just one point.

"The defense was great," said first-year Northville Coach Todd Gudith. "I think we contested every shot they took. Our transition play set the tempo of the game and it had (Northern) on their heels a little bit."

Gudith said his team played man defense for at least 30 of the 32 minutes. The stifling performance limited Northern scoring to just 8-for-51 from the field.

"We didn't give up many open looks," Gudith added. "We seemed to always be in the right place at the right time."

Northville, on the other hand, used the quick transition play to spur the offense. The Mustangs scored 13 points in the first quarter to take a solid lead. The Knights found their footing, though, and outscored Northville the next two

periods.

Northern narrowed the gap, 19-11, at the half and came to within four, 25-21, at the end of the third quarter.

The Mustangs regained control in the final stanza to put the game away.

"It's nice to get that first one as a win as a coach but I'm most happy for the kids," Gudith said. "They worked hard and deserved to win the game especially how they played. This is a huge confidence builder. We're trying to show the kids that they can compete with everyone on the schedule. I hope this is the start of what is more to come."

Junior Katherine Jansen led the Mustang squad with 12 points and was 2-for-3 outside the arc.

"She was a huge spark off the bench in her first varsity bench," Gudith said. "We expect big things from her."

Senior Johanna Poterala added six points and junior Julia Ramey blocked five shots.

Northville hosted Walled Lake Central on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. The Mustangs are off until Thursday, Dec. 18 when they host the final of the three Walled Lakes schools, Western, at 7 p.m.

Plymouth 'Cats start 5-4

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

To follow up Plymouth's record-setting 2007-08 hockey season the Wildcats opened their new campaign with a 5-3 record.

Last year the 'Cats set the record number of wins in a single Plymouth season with 15. They were the first squad to play in the Division 2 regional finals and they look to be on track to match last year's numbers and accomplishments this year. They might even surpass them.

The team has plenty of talent to do so and started the season on a 4-0 spree before losing two of three last week.

Second-year Plymouth Coach Paul Fassbender had nine players return to the squad this year.

Senior captains Luke Merandi and Kyle Callahan-both forwards-along with senior assistant captain Mitch Martin, a defenseman, are back in action for the Cats. Forward Alex Holcomb is another returning senior.

Defensemen Chris Merril, Patrick McAuliffe-Hunter and forward John Maurer join the team as seniors this turn.

Junior Zach Lizzo is back in net for Plymouth and will share time with newcomer Mike Justus, a sophomore.

Returning juniors also include defenders Evan Swieczkowski, Ryan Cigile and forward Nick Sofios. Forwards Taylor Currier, Patrick Smiatacz and Ryan Renault join the team as juniors. Renault made a strong impression with the team, earning an assistant captain tag in his first year with the team.

Defenseman Tyler Lazorka is the lone returning sophomore. Colin Belanger and Tyler Sanders join him as two sophomore forwards.

Zach Gambrell and John Deal are promising freshman forwards.

"We have a very good team this year," Fassbender said. "We just need good bounces and to bury some chances and we should score a lot of points."

Plymouth has had plenty of opportunities the last week but lost two of its last three contests.

The Wildcats lost to Novi, 2-0, last Wednesday.

"We just played poorly," Fassbender said. "It was a game that I and everyone else thought we should have won. They played aggressively and took it to us. We took ourselves out of the game."

Plymouth turned around and trounced West Bloomfield, 5-2 on Friday.

After a scoreless first period, West Bloomfield took a 1-0 lead after two frames of play. Plymouth dominated the third with goals from Smiatacz, Gambrell, Swieczkowski, Merandi and Holcomb.

Plymouth out shot its opponent, 38-11, in the win.

Lizzo earned the victory between the pipes.

"We just buried our chances," Fassbender said. "We didn't give up many odd-man rushes like we did against Chelsea."

Although the Wildcats out shot Chelsea, 42-10, too many odd-man rushes in Saturday's match led to a 5-3 loss.

Plymouth trailed 3-0 after one period and, 4-1, after two. Smiatacz scored the lone second-period goal. Maurer and Currier scored in the third.

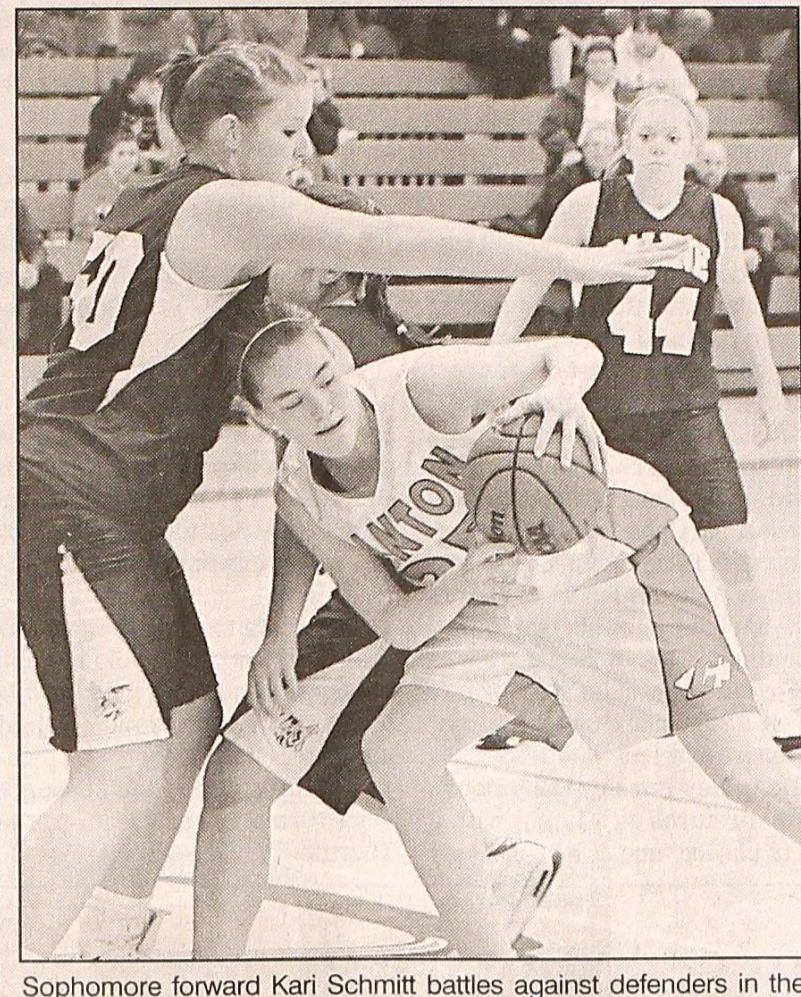
Plymouth hosts Walled Lake Western at 7:40 pm on Friday at Compuware Arena. Then they have a string of tough opponents before the holiday break with visiting Northville at 6:10 pm on Tuesday and trips to Stevenson at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia and Salem at 8:30 pm on Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

He said the main focus is improving the team's performance in the third and fourth quarters, where the team struggled last year.

"We were close in games at half-time but, for whatever reason, we didn't make that transition in the

third and fourth quarters," he said. "Having a full off-season to adjust some issues is fantastic. We're looking to improve and get better at a few things."

"We feel that we've learned a lot after that first year and I've learned a



Sophomore forward Kari Schmitt battles against defenders in the Ledy Chiefs' season and home opener against Saline last Tuesday. Schmitt scored 11 points to help her team swat the Hornets, 46-31. Her twin sister, Sara, led the team with 19 points.

Photo by Ken Garner

Wayne falls in opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Wayne Lady Zebras are off to a shaky start this season, falling to the superior Brighton Bulldogs, 58-19, in the team's season and home opener on Friday.

Wayne turned the ball over 33 times and only shot 16 percent from the field in the loss.

"We're not going to win too many games like that," said second-year Wayne Coach Leslie Williams. "(Brighton) is big and they have balanced attack from the inside and outside and they have really strong fundamentals. We played them the best that we could."

The Zebras took a little while to get going. They didn't score at all in the first quarter. That allowed the Bulldogs to take a commanding 17-0 lead. Brighton added another 17 in the second period. Wayne had its best quarter in the second, scoring nine points.

But the deficit was too great for the Zebras to clear and it kept getting wider as the game went on.

Wayne continued to struggle offensively as Brighton kept getting stronger in the second half. Brighton outscored Wayne 18-4 in the third frame. The teams were even in the fourth, 6-6.

Senior Cassie Johnson emerged as the team's scoring leader. She scored all but one point for Wayne in the second half. She nailed three triples to lead the Lady Z's with nine points.

Wayne takes another crack at it when the Zebras head to Milford at 7 p.m. on Friday and won't have another home game until the New Year when they host South Lyon East at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

That game is "Nothing But Nets" night at Wayne Memorial High School. Those attending the game can purchase a net for \$10 to support the prevention of Malaria.

Inkster splits week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was easy come and easy go for the Inkster Lady Vikings during their first week of hardwood play.

Inkster split its first week of play between Farmington Hills Mercy—a 70-47 loss—and Flint Northwestern—a 63-26 victory.

There was nothing easy about the season opener at Mercy as the team struggled to find unity—and the basket—last Tuesday. The Lady Vikings fell behind early and never caught up to Mercy in the loss.

"I think conditioning hurt us bad," said Inkster Coach Peggy Carr. "It really shocked me. Usually we're in good condition but we just seemed tired. We're trying to get up the floor quicker to get easier baskets and I think that took a lot more out of us."

Freshman Kelsey Mitchell led Inkster's efforts with 14 points. She added 10 blocks on the defensive side for the night.

Inkster displayed the talent that it is capable of this season with its young group of players in Friday's bout with Flint Northwestern.

There it was the exact opposite of last Tuesday's opener. The Vikings were off to a quick start and never looked back in the, 63-26, win.

Another freshman lead the way in that battle. Ayrionna Taylor scored 23 points in the outing and added five assists.

Inkster hosts Romulus at 7 p.m. on Friday in its first Mega bout.

Canton Chief hoopsters ready for new season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton Coach Dan Colligan will be the first to admit that there is a big learning curve as a first-year head coach. And that's precisely why he's hoping to improve on the team's 7-15 record in his second year at the helm.

"We feel that we've learned a lot after that first year and I've learned a

lot from Coach (Charlie) Paye," he said. "Having a full off-season to adjust some issues is fantastic. We're looking to improve and get better at a few things."

He said the main focus is improving the team's performance in the third and fourth quarters, where the team struggled last year.

"We were close in games at half-

periods," he said. "We need to be a more conditioned team and work on the strength and conditioning part of the game. Those are simple things we can easily fix for this year."

The Chiefs are already off to a good start, with a full off-season under Colligan and with eight players returning to the roster this year. The Chiefs have the experience of eight seniors this time around.

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Eagles prepare for new season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In basketball few teams are fully prepared when the new season arrives.

Even fewer teams are as ready as Romulus is to get the season under way.

That's understandable after tasting the success the team had last year and the memory of 2005 still fresh in their minds.

The Eagles made it to the final four in March and with nine talented seniors returning to the fold the team has its aim set at returning to Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

The target isn't the final four, though. The Eagles hope they can return to the state finale and finish off what the class of 2005 failed to do win a state crown.

"I think we have the talent to make it back there," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "I'm looking forward to it. We lost seven seniors last year but I think we will be all right."

The biggest shoes to fill are those

of graduated point guard Dominique Buckley. The star guard is now a Cyclone at Iowa State University. Filmore Bouldes is set to take over the floor general slot. At 5-foot-7, Bouldes doesn't provide the stature that Buckley did but he is quick; can move the ball well; and has a good outside shot.

Sharpshooter Valdez Green is back for his final year and will continue his dominance around the arc as the team's top three-point shooter. Senior Rashard Porter is a solid No. 2 guard and possibly the best defender inside, according to Oats.

Other returning seniors include Demetrius Price and Cody Barnes at guard, Stefan Jenkins at center and Derek Kinney and Donnavin Searcy at forward. Price is athletic and isn't afraid to go to the rim while Barnes will back up Bouldes at point, according to Oats.

Forward Gavar Long—the son of famed Piston star Grant Long—joins the team as a senior.

DeAndray Buckley-Dominique's brother—returns as a junior with a ton of playing time as a sophomore.

He improved over the summer and will be a forward that opponents will have to keep on their radar.

Junior guards Dwayne Thurmond and Derrick Stewart and junior forward Marcus Trent are newcomers to the squad this year.

Whatever success the Eagles find this season they will have to work for it. They face off against five of the top-eight teams in the state during the regular season. Romulus—ranked ninth in the state—faces top-ranked teams like Country Day, Saginaw, Arthur Hill and Detroit Pershing.

They also have their hands full in the Mega Red—one of the toughest divisions in the state—with teams like Belleville, Ypsilanti, Truman and Robichaud. Romulus ran the table last year, finishing undefeated 12-0 in the Red.

"We'd like to do that again this year," Oats said. "Belleville has a lot of players coming back and will be tough and Truman and Ypsilanti always play hard."

Romulus opens the season at home against Wyandotte at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Chiefs

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for attacking the basket and is a good defender, Colligan said. Senior guard Sherif Hassanien is another outside threat.

Senior Dan Stoney returns as a forward and is one of the team's most improved players, according to Colligan. Kiere Daniels is a good defender and rebounder for the Chiefs and George Muresan, a center.

"George studies his opponents and knows where he's supposed to be," Colligan said.

Seniors Zach DeLoy is a good shooter and blue-collar player that does all of the little things on the court and Joey Krizanek is a high-energy player, Colligan said.

Juniors include Yusef Bazzi as a guard that can control the game in the dribble-drive scheme that Canton implemented last year. Alec Martin is a pretty good shooter, while Kevin Weisz is a classic forward that is an outside shooter who can hit the three and still play in the post, according to Colligan.

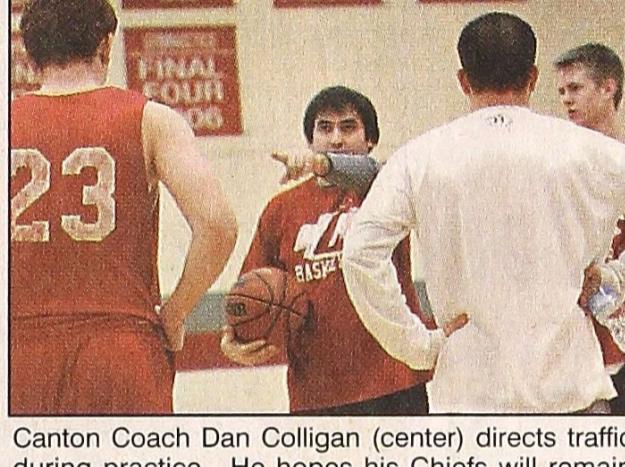
Kai Walther led the junior varsity squad in rebounding and was second in points last year. He is expected to have the same impact on the varsity team. Brandon Duffey is quick to the basket and finishes well in traffic, Colligan said.

Dietrich Lever is the lone sophomore on the team. He is a good ball handler and pass-first guard that played in district tournament as a freshman last year.

So far Colligan has been most impressed with the team speed.

"We're not the tallest team in the league this year," he said. "We play pretty quick and handle the ball really well. We have essentially three guards who played point for us last year who can be on the floor at the same time this year. We expect that to help us in the passing part of the game and the ball control part and add pressure on defense."

Stoney hopes the team speed will help improve the results on the scoreboard this season and improve the overall team record.



Canton Coach Dan Colligan (center) directs traffic during practice. He hopes his Chiefs will remain competitive in the new KLAA conference.

"We're a lot faster than last year," he said. "I think that will help us get up and down the field better and we should get a lot of points off of fast breaks."

"We definitely want to improve on the 7-15 record and maybe win a district game because we lost in the first game last year," he added. "We just have to work hard and get better every day."

Canton enters a new conference this year in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) and face teams like Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Wayne and John Glenn.

"We're excited about it," Colligan said. "I think it's going to be a great brand of basketball in the KLAA. I think that the South Division is going to be extremely competitive. We look forward to all the games and feel that it's anyone's division. We really think it's open and I expect it to be a fun ride in basketball."

Canton opens up the season at home against Dearborn Heights Crestwood at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

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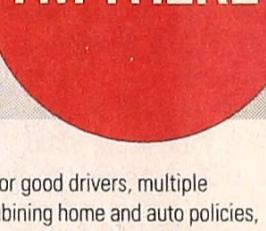
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Moltrup, Nellie December 8, 2008 age 79. Beloved wife of the late William. Dear sister of William (Mary), Paul (Sandra), the late Daniel, Ellen Rohr, Patricia Salley and Julia Hennigar. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Insite Saturday 12 noon at St. Mary Church, Wayne until 1pm Mass. Family will receive friends Friday 2-8pm at the UHT Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Memorials to Michigan Humane Society or charity of your choice.

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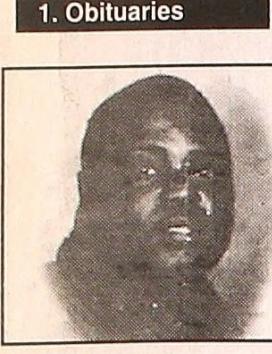
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Michigan; and Amber Mixon of Taylor, Michigan. His siblings William Rhett Jr. of Inkster, Michigan; Patricia Garrett Fayson, Lynn Garrett Cox and Tyrone Garrett all of South Carolina. Eight grandchildren Nathan, Jermario, Qwaneisha, Willie Jr., David, Keveon, Adriana and Ariana. Also a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. His best friends and cousins, Andy, Ernest (Fuzzy), Joni and Andrew. Greater Grace Temple, OGHM 24111 Koths St., Taylor, MI 48180 Suffragan Bishop Gary Harper Officiating Penn Funeral Home 3015 S. Inkster Rd. Inkster, MI 48141 Mr. James H. Penn & Son, Directors Interment Knollwood Cemetery 1299 Ridge Rd. Canton, MI 48187

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New Family Traditions

"Christmas Splash" at the RAC

Christmas Splash Brunch Buffet Menu

Regular and Decaf Coffee Service

Assorted Muffins and Danish

Assorted Bagels with Butter & Cream Cheese

Scrambled Eggs

Cheddar Cheese Hash Browns

Pork Sausage Patties

Fried Chicken (Bone-In)

Sliced Roast Beef with Au Jus

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Homemade Macaroni and Cheese with Crumbled Bacon

California Blend Vegetable Medley

Assorted Dinner Rolls with Butter

Chocolate Chip Cookies & Fudge Brownies

Prices

RAC Members

\$15 per person

Non-members

\$18 per person*

Children 12 and Under

\$12 RAC Members, \$15 Non-Members

Children 2 and Under are Free

Please let us know if you will need a high chair!

*There is an additional \$6 per child charge for non-members to participate in the Christmas Splash Festivities.



Members Coffee Social!

Attention all Romulus Athletic Center members...please join us on the first Saturday of every month for a cup of Joe and a muffin! Chat with a personal trainer and learn all about the great amenities available to you as part of your RAC membership!

WHO:

All RAC members

WHAT:

Free coffee social to network and learn about your membership benefits

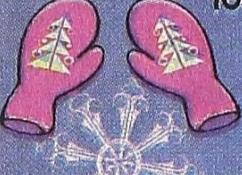
WHEN:

The first Saturday of every month, from 7:00 am - noon

Bring the whole family and join us for our 1st Annual "Christmas Splash" Buffet Brunch including a fun-filled afternoon with Santa, on Sunday, December 21st!

- Brunch: 10:30am-2:30pm
- Games and Crafts: 12:00pm-4:00pm
- Photos with Santa (\$5.00): 1:30pm-3:30pm

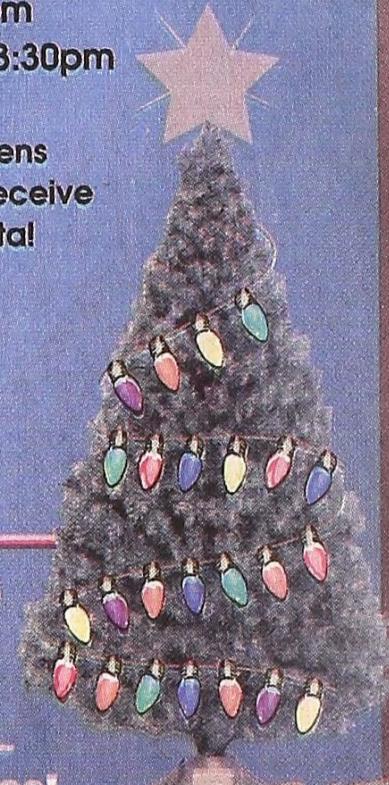
Bring a new pair of mittens for our "Mitten Tree" and receive a FREE photo with Santa!



Donate a new unwrapped toy for the Romulus Goodfellows and you will be entered into our raffle!

Please R.S.V.P. at 734.942.2223
by December 19th

Bring your bathing suit —
games will be in the pools too!



CAMP SNOW MUCH FUN!

Activities Will Include:

- ★ Educational Lessons on Basic Aid Training (BAT),
- ★ Fire Truck and Fire Safety With Our Romulus Fire Department,
- ★ Swimming, Self-Defense, Rock Wall and Fitness Games,
- ★ Make Crafts,
- ★ Prepare Snacks,
- ★ Gymnasium Games, and more!

Pre-Registration is required. In person or online! Ages: 8 - 12
Camps Fee: Member \$75.00/Non-Member \$85.00

* There will be an additional fee incurred of \$10 for every 15 minutes for late pick-ups of your children.

Registration Deadline

Camp 1 December 19, 2008

Camp 2 December 26, 2008

CAMP 1		
DATE	DAY	TIME
12/22/2008	MON.	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
12/23/2008	TUES.	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
12/24/2008	WED.	8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

CAMP 2		
DATE	DAY	TIME
12/29/2008	MON.	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
12/30/2008	TUES.	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
12/31/2008	WED.	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



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